

Annual Report 2023



A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you in great spirits. As I sit down to draft our annual reflection, my thoughts turn gratefully to friends like you. This year has been a rollercoaster, but it's the support from our community that keeps the ride exciting and meaningful.

I can't help but smile when I think about the leaps we've made together. From the smiles we've brought to faces as 50 young people participated in peace building workshops in the Dominican Republic to the hurdles we've overcome on our path to helping five young women in South Sudan start their own business enterprises, it feels like we're really starting to make waves.

With your help, not only has GRACE Cares been able to help raise over \$63,323 for our partners this year, but we have also been able to provide over 435 hours of technical assistance to our partners. This support encompassed various areas such as creating strategic plans, program budgets, implementation strategies, monitoring and evaluation tools, curriculum development, and more. The support provided by the GRACE Cares team and volunteers allowed our partners to do what they do best - focus locally and empower, support, and change communities for the better. And you know what? It's all thanks to you.

Looking ahead, there's a whole bunch of exciting challenges and opportunities on the horizon. I'm particularly excited about the opening of Munali Youth Empowerment Program's (MYEP) new Resource Learning Center this summer in Zambia, and I know we can tackle it head-on with your continued support.

A huge thank you from the bottom of my heart for being part of our family. Your commitment lights up our mission, and I'm thrilled to think about what we will achieve together next.

With Kindness,

Lamia Lahrech
Executive Director



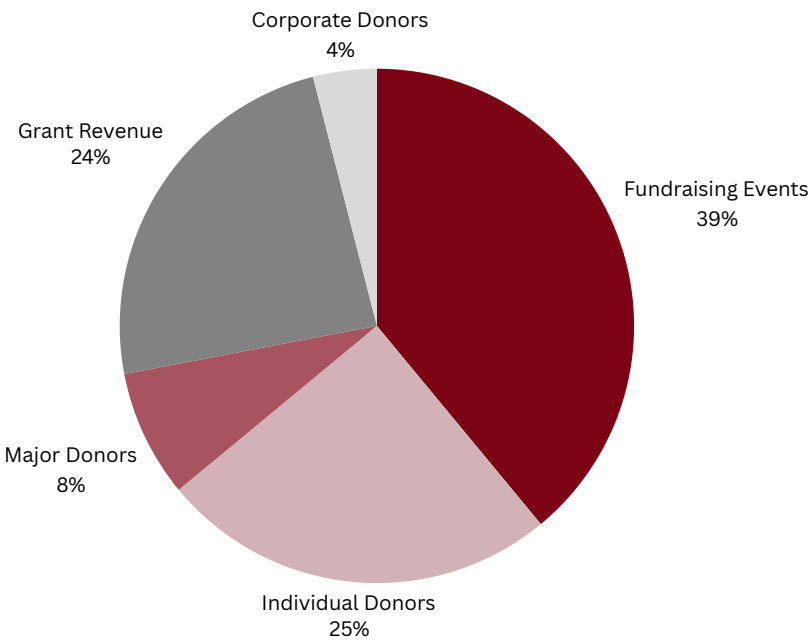
FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

2023

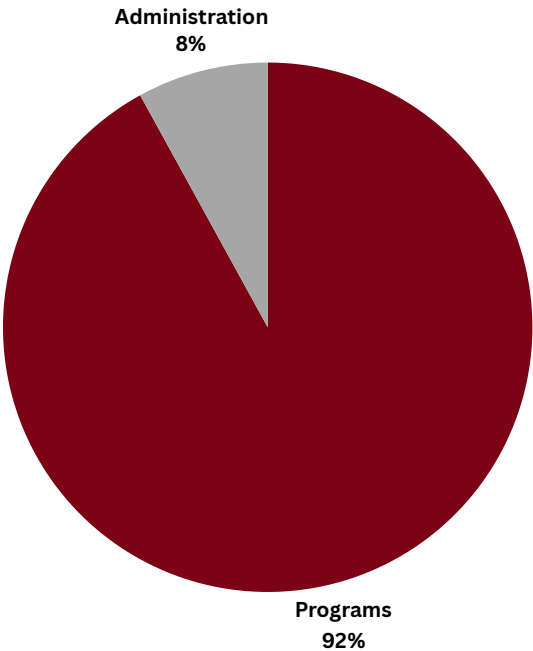
\$154,551
Revenue

\$160,246
Expenses

2023 Donations by Source



2023 Expenditures



*Our detailed financial review is available upon request at info@gracecares.org

OUR PARTNERS



NAMAYA
B4Peace
Worldwide



LUCY
Base for Hope & Human Rights Organization
(BHHRO)
South Sudan



WILFRED
GuateBuena Association
Guatemala



BLESSED
Munali Youth Empowerment Program
Zambia



MARISSA
Project Hearts
Dominican Republic



GUYO
WATHA Project
Kenya



Dr. BANDA
YOCUPA (Youth Cultural Promotion Association)
Zambia

IMPACT

Community Empowerment & Education

- 120 households in Chawama Compound of Lusaka, Zambia were surveyed to gain insights into the literacy needs of children within those households. The findings are being utilized to establish a new community resource center.
- 87 pupils at Habura Nursery School in Kenya received books and school supplies.
- 1 year's salary was provided for a teacher at Habura Nursery school in Kenya.
- 12 students in the Dominican Republic participated in 'Peace Art for Teens workshops.
- 50 young people participated in peace skills-building workshops in the Dominican Republic.
- Emotional Well-being workshops were offered to women's solidarity groups in Guatemala.
- 2 local Community Action groups were established in Zambia and connected with local Ward Development Committees.
- 2 live Theatre for Community Action performances educated 500 live-spectators in Zambia and 20,000 online viewers.

Building Economic Resilience

- 300 people participated in financial education workshops in Guatemala
- 34 active savings groups saved over \$150,232 in Guatemala
- 10 women in South Sudan trained to initiate their own business enterprises.
- 5 women in South Sudan launched small businesses with the aid of cash assistance grants.

IMPACT

Health & Wellbeing

- 50 women participated in holistic care workshops in Guatemala.
- 350 women participated in menstrual health workshops in Guatemala.
- 175 women in Guatemala received menstrual health kits.
- 300 people participated in community health workshops in Guatemala.
- 10 people received eyeglasses to help with visual health in Guatemala.
- 1 professional film production to combat sexual abuse in Zambia.
- 30 students participated in a pickle ball workshop in the Dominican Republic and equipment, and supplies were donated to the community.

Water & Sanitation

- In the Dominican Republic:
 - 223 people gained access to clean water, including 63 children.
 - 110 students participated in educational workshops teaching the importance of conserving water and our natural environment.
 - 74 homes now have water on-demand.
 - 71% of 2022 recipients have already paid off their micro-loan for water tanks.
 - 70 water tanks installed.
 - 69% of recipients benefit from our payment plans.
 - 22 neighborhoods reached throughout all 7 sectors in Baitoa, Dominican Republic (and some beyond!).
- 6 water filters were delivered for improved health in homes.
- 2,183 people participated in WASH trainings in Kenya.
- 1 toilet was constructed and installed in a village in Kenya.

IMPACT



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without your generous support.**

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